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- Response to Office Action dated December 8, 2004
- Request for Continued Examination

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Application Number	09/675,252
Filing Date	September 29, 2000
First Named Inventor	WASHIZUKA RECEIVED
Group Art Unit	3624 CENTRAL FAX CENTER
Examiner Name	J. Patel APR 06 2005
Attorney Docket Number	1035-283

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## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

- a. ☐ Previously submitted (Note: Any previously filed unentered amendments will be entered unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).)
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- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status.
- b. ☒ Fees are attached as calculated below:
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$790.00 (1801)/\$395.00 (2801) \$ 790.00
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☐ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.****Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment	26	minus highest number			
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Independent claims after amendment	12	minus highest number			
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Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add	\$130.00 (1814)/\$65.00 (2814) \$

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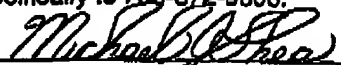
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